



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VII
901 NORTH 5TH STREET
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

JUN 15 2005

Mr. Don Neumann
Programs Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
P.O. Box 1787
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Mr. Neumann:

RE: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Interstate 64/U.S. Route 40 Corridor, City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri

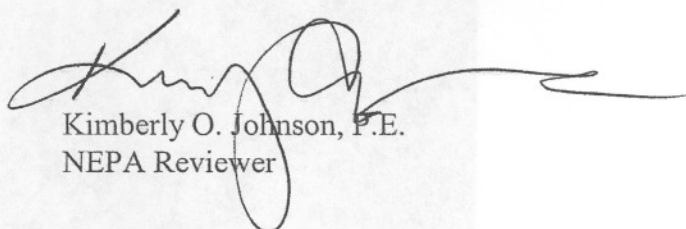
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Interstate 64/U.S. Route 40 Reconstruction also known as "The New I-64." Our review is provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. 4231, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The FEIS was assigned the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) number 20050145.

Our review of the January 2003, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this project resulted in a rating of EC-2 (Environmental Concerns-Insufficient Information) based on the projected impacts to properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), impacts to parks and recreational areas, and impacts to potential Environmental Justice neighborhoods. After review of the FEIS, the EPA believes that these issues have been adequately considered and/or addressed.

The EPA commends the work of all those persons and agencies involved in the process leading to the development of the FEIS. In particular, we'd like to recognize the design effort that eliminated the adverse effect on the Clayton Park Addition (Bennett Avenue) District which will continue to be eligible for the NRHP following construction of the project.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the FEIS. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at, (913) 551-7975.

Sincerely,



Kimberly O. Johnson, P.E.
NEPA Reviewer

cc: Mr. Kevin Keith, MODOT